

AGENDA



Thursday, August 7, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
Item No. 32

Subject: Authorize award and execution of two contracts with: HILL COUNTRY FENCE, INC., Spicewood, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$120,323.75, and BPI ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC., Lakeway, TX, in an amount not to exceed \$58,657.50, for the purchase and installation of fencing within the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve for the Austin Water Utility.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Wildland Conservation Fund of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Steve Aden, Supervising Sr. Buyer, 974-2021

Purchasing Language: Lowest two bids of two bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting Opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

These contracts are for the purchase and installation of approximately 14,020 linear feet of fencing at seven sites within the Austin Water Utility's (AWU) Balcones Canyonlands Preserve for security, deer exclusion, and other purposes required in the Regional Section 10(a) permit for the preserves. Work will include the installation of deer proof fencing, pedestrian gates, and the removal and disposal of existing dilapidated fencing within these sites.

MBE/WBE solicited: 2/3

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Thirty-seven notices were sent, including two MBEs and three WBEs. Two bids were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 27% decrease from the last similar purchase made in December 2006. This decrease can be attributed to the fact that the previous contract included ornamental fencing.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low two bids received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Water Utility's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.